



PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET

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C-GLFER-Elkhart River & Christiana Creek Dams, Elkhart, IN

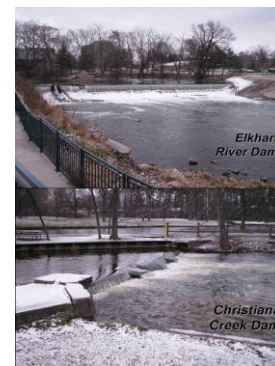
Description

The project is located in Elkhart County, in the City of Elkhart, Indiana. The Elkhart Dam fish passage and riverine restoration site is located northeast of Elkhart Avenue and Waterfall Drive, while the Christiana Creek Dam riverine restoration site is located northeast of East Crawford and Cassopolis Street. The Elkhart River and Christiana Creek are two tributaries to the St. Joseph River, which extends a total of 210 miles through portions of northern Indiana and southern Michigan before flowing into Lake Michigan. Both have dams located in Elkhart that substantially alter the character of the riverine water system; they have also played a central role in the decline of migratory aquatic species by severing their historic migration routes and preventing healthy recruitment. The dams effectively obstruct some 20-30 native fish species, including the state endangered Greater Redhorse and the highly prized Walleye. The restoration project would enable the passage of aquatic species to far reaching areas above the dams, improve the riverine habitat for endangered and threatened fish and mussel species, and stabilize the stream bank and naturalize sediment transport.

Congressional Interest

Walorski (IN-2); Senator Young (IN), Senator Donnelly (IN)

Location Map & Picture



Non-Federal Project Sponsor

City of Elkhart, IN

Project Authority

Section 506 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000, as amended – Great Lakes Fishery & Ecosystem Restoration (GLFER).

Funding	Total	Federal	Non-Federal
Current Working Estimate:	\$ 2,220,000	\$ 1,478,000	\$ 742,000
Funds Allocated prior to FY17:	\$ 438,864	\$ 438,864	\$ 0
E and W Funds Allocated prior to FY17:	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
GLRI Funds Allocated prior to FY17:	\$ 438,864	\$ 438,864	\$ 0
FY17 Energy and Water Allocation:	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
FY17 GLRI Allocation:	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 0
FY18 Budget:	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Funds required to complete (>FY18):	\$ 1,606,136	\$ 864,136	\$ 742,000

Stage

Design and Implementation

Status

Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) funds were used to prepare the Detailed Project Report (DPR) and associated Environmental Assessment (EA). The DPR was approved by LRD in March 2014. Preparation of detailed plans and specs will commence in FY17 upon execution of a Project Partnership Agreement (PPA). Per request by the City of Elkhart, the PPA was delayed until mid-FY17, and is currently being put together. Construction award possible in FY18.

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